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1. The Cruz del Sur is a pro-Communist, anti-United States literary magazine published monthly in Caracas, Venezuela, since March 1952. It is edited by the Libreria Cruz del Sur, owned and operated by Mrs. Violeta ROFFE.¹ This bookstore is located at Llaguno a Pinango 6, Edificio "Bolivar", Caracas. The postoffice address is Apartado 111, Caracas.
2. The de facto owner of the magazine is Miguel OTERO Silva, well-known Venezuelan newspaperman and co-owner of the newspaper El Nacional, who operates and finances the publication. Each issue of the magazine reportedly costs OTERO Silva from \$600.00 to \$900.00 (US).
3. Violeta ROFFE was able to start her literary activity because of money given her by OTERO Silva, and from the moral and active support she received from the collaborators of El Nacional and adherents of the Venezuelan Pro-Peace Movement, who were rallied together for this purpose by OTERO Silva. Among the supporters of Cruz del Sur are the following:

Pedro LHAYA²
Carlos Augusto LEON³
Ida GRAMCKO⁴
Federico BRITO Figueroa⁵
Mariano PICON Salas⁶
Oswaldo TREJO⁷
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4. Since the Cruz del Sur promised at the time it first appeared to publish articles on Pro-Peace activities, the Pro-Peace Movement in Caracas offered its full support, and this organization has been mainly responsible for the commercial advertising appearing in the publication. Subscriptions for Cruz del Sur are taken in the law office of Jose Maria SANCHEZ Mijares, secretary-general of the Pro-Peace Movement in Caracas. The subscription editor of the magazine is reported to be Raquel REYES,¹⁰ a Communist active

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